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REMARKS

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1. Effective 12 December 1953, Junior Lieutenant Tamms was made commanding officer of the 1st Co, and Junior Lieutenant Diwiszek commanding officer of the 2d Co of the Guard Battalion of the State Security for State Security (SfS) in Potsdam. Master Sergeant Burow was leader of the headquarters company. On 15 December, all soldiers of the Guard Battalion who were not yet 18 years old, a total of eight, were discharged.
2. On 21 and 22 December, the Guard Battalion in Potsdam was inspected by a group of officers from the Guard Regiment in Berlin. The group was led by Lieutenant Colonel Barth. Lieutenant Colonel Wagner, chief of the Bezirk Administration of SfS in Potsdam was promoted to the rank of colonel.
3. In January 1953, the following code names were used in telephone communications:

Main Administration, SfS, Berlin	Volga
Guard Regiment, SfS, Berlin	Ural
Guard Battalion, SfS, Potsdam	Caucasus
Guard Regiment, SfS, Halle	Baikal
Guard Battalion, SfS, Erfurt	Tatra
Guard Battalion, SfS, Schwerin	Carpathian Mts. 1
4. In connection with the Four-Power Conference in Berlin, the Guard Battalion was placed on alert status II effective 2 January 1954.²

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1. Comment. This list does not include SfS guard units in Dresden and Chemnitz. So far, only a guard battalion had been assumed stationed in Halle. However, it is possible that this unit was enlarged into a regiment.
2. Comment. the entire VP in the Berlin area was 25X1 placed on alert status I. There is a possibility that a higher alert stage was ordered for the SdD.

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